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Executive Registry

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence 14 July 1953

THROUGH : Deputy Director/Intelligence

FROM : Acting Assistant Director, Scientific Intelligence

SUBJECT : Request for Permission to Appoint
as a Consultant to this Office

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1. PROBLEM

To obtain the services of [redacted] as a consultant.

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2. FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

a. The Biology Division/SI is responsible under DCID 3/4 for intelligence on the biological sciences and pertinent applied research and development.

b. The Biology Division/SI requires the services of a consultant who is qualified to advise on the feasibility and significance of intelligence information concerning Soviet research on the induced mutation of bacteria and viruses.

c. The Consultant's Registry does not have the name of anyone with the necessary qualifications.

d. Permission has been granted by I&SO to [redacted] on the basis of a name check.

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3. DISCUSSION

a. One of the most important questions to be answered in regard to Soviet capabilities for biological warfare concerns Soviet research which is apparently directed toward the development of entirely new strains of bacteria and viruses. Soviet success could lead to the production of uniquely effective BW agents against which present vaccines and therapeutic preparations would be useless. Consequently, there is a great deal of interest in Soviet research on the induced mutation of bacteria and viruses in general, and particularly on those pathogens which are potentially suitable for use as BW agents.

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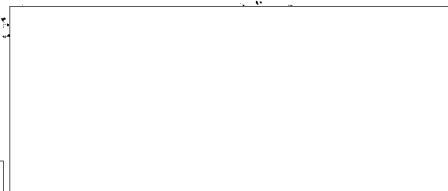
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d. [redacted] would be used approximately one or two days per month; compensation would be \$50 per day.

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4. ACTION RECOMMENDED

That permission be granted to appoint



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Date JUL 21 1953

Deputy Director/Intelligence

ACTION BY APPROVING AUTHORITY:

Date JUL 23 1953

Approved, subject to security clearance.

SIGNED

(Director or Deputy Director)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. D IS

The attached proposes the appointment of [redacted] as a consultant to the Biology Division, OSI. [redacted]

[redacted] Medical School. His experience in BW research would be valuable to the Biology Division in assessing intelligence information on Soviet research in this field. [redacted] would be used approximately one or two days per month at the rate of \$50 per day.

Recommend approval.



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